

with this project is, in fact, with the programming and not so much with the actual cost of the machines themselves. And so hopefully if you've been favorably impressed with the prototypes that you will continue to allow this to go forward so that the Executive Board can eventually make a decision on whether or not we should spend the dollars that are being estimated, but at least at this point in time give this project a chance to continue. So I stand in support of the amendment and think it's definitely something that we need to do just so we can pay a little closer attention when we're on the floor and become a little more effective legislators. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Brashear, your light is next followed by Senators Kristensen, Robinson, Lynch, Hilgert and McKenzie.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Madam President, members of the body, notwithstanding the excellence of the arguments which have been made in support of LB 1189 and the system that it will provide us, some of Senator Coordsen's comments give me pause and I'd ask the senator if he would yield.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yeah, reluctantly, Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Coordsen, I thought I had established with you...you know, we always have people here making a record and I thought I had established in hearings before the Appropriations Committee that we would, in fact, maintain dual systems and that those people who prefer books, paper, pens, cursive writing, and those kinds of things would be accommodated. As you spoke earlier, you talked about a transition which gave me the strange feeling that eventually those who prefer the former methods will be cornered and compelled to utilize the new more modern technology. Would you speak to that, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, may I speak to cursive writing first because I read many things that contain cursive writing, but beyond that, that's a free one. Our conversation in Appropriations Committee stands the same. When I was visiting a few minutes earlier on the floor...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.